

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

JUL 10 1955

THROUGH : Deputy Director/Intelligence

FROM : Acting Assistant Director, Scientific Intelligence

SUBJECT : Request for Permission to Appoint as a Consultant to this Office.

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1. PROBLEM

To obtain the services of as a consultant.

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2. FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

a. The Scientific Resources Division/ST is primarily responsible under DCID 3/4 for intelligence on basic scientific resources, including the history and philosophy of science and scientific education and training.

b. The Scientific Resources Division requires the services of a consultant who can advise and assist division personnel, as required, on planning and substantive problems pertaining to these fields, review draft material for the division production program, and brief division personnel on work currently being done by U. S. scientists.

c. The Consultant's Registry does not have the name of anyone with the necessary qualifications.

d. Permission has been granted by I&SC to contact on the basis of a name check.

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3. DISCUSSION

a. The Scientific Resources Division has been organized into four geographic area branches with each branch assigned responsibility for substantive coverage in that geographic area. The division is a small one and it has not been considered practical to employ specialists in the history and philosophy of science and scientific education and training for each geographic area. Consequently, branches require expert advice and assistance at various times in order to assess work already completed, and to decide how new problems should be approached. This is especially true on problems pertaining to the USSR and the Satellites. It is also considered helpful to brief division personnel on work being done within the U.S. in order to maintain the level of professional knowledge and to provide a basis for comparison.

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